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TOW LAW
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Durham

REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER

OF HEALTH

for the

Year Ended 31st December, 1958.

No. 6 Health Area,
"Springfield"
WILLINGTON,
Crook, Co. Durham.

Tel: Willington 375.

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Medical Officer of Health.

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Public Health Inspector.

To the Chairman and Members

of Tow Law U.D.C.

The year ended 1958 has revealed no major problems.

The death rate continues to decline but no conclusions should be drawn from this. In 1953 it was 17.17 per 1,000 population, and in 1958 it is 13.22, but as the population is ageing an increase in the death rate may be expected.

The birth rate per 1,000 of estimated population as notified was 14.82 as against the general birth rate of 16.4 for England and Wales.

In conclusion, the health of your area has been satisfactory with special reference to the decline of incidences of new cases of tuberculosis.

G. A. MACGREGOR,

Medical Officer of Health.

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ANNUAL REPORT - 1958

CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Population (Registrar General's Estimate - Mid Year)	3,100
Area (In Acres)	477
Number of Inhabited Houses (Mid 1958)	1,211
Rateable Value (Mid 1958)	£16,299
Product of Penny Rate	£64. 0. 0.

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	45	21	24
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	46	21	25

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	14.82
General Birth Rate (England and Wales)	16.4

Still Births	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Rate per 1,000 (live and still)...	14.82

Deaths	Total	Males	Females
	41	24	17

Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	13.22
Death Rate (England and Wales)	11.7

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes ..	Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	1	-	1

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	1	-	1

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births 21.73

Infantile Mortality Rate (England and Wales) 22.5

Deaths from Cancer 8

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... ... -

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years) ... ... -

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ... ... -

Table of Birth and Death Rates for the past 6 years

Year	Death Rate	Infantile Death Rate Under 1 Year	Birth Rate
1953	17.17	28.5	22.26
1954	11.42	20.8	15.2
1955	10.83	16.95	18.79
1956	14.64	15.62	20.38
1957	12.81	17.24	18.6
1958	13.22	21.73	14.82

CAUSES OF DEATHS

		Males	Females
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	-	-
4.	Diphtheria	-	-
5.	Whooping cough	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	2
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	2
18.	Coronary disease, angina	4	2
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ...	-	1
20.	Other heart diseases	2	4
21.	Other circulatory disease	4	-
22.	Influenza	2	-
23.	Bronchitis	4	-
24.	Pneumonia	-	-
25.	Other disease of respiratory system	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia and prostate	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	3
33.	Motor accidents	-	1
34.	All other accidents	-	-
35.	Suicide	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-
		24	17

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Dysentery	-	-	-
Measles	4	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	1	1	-
Pneumonia	5	-	-

The following table shows the number of cases notified and deaths recorded from Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever during the past 6 years

YEAR	DIPHTHERIA		SCARLET FEVER	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1953	-	-	8	-
1954	-	-	29	-
1955	-	-	2	-
1956	-	-	1	-
1957	-	-	2	-
1958	-	-	5	-

NOTIFIED DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1958

The following table gives the incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year.

Disease	Under 1 yr.	1 - 2 yrs.	3 - 4 yrs.	5 - 9 yrs.	10 - 14 yrs.	15 - 24 yrs.	25 - 44 yrs.	45 - 64 yrs.	65 and Over	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	5
Whooping Cough	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	5
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR RECENT YEARS

YEAR	NEW CASES						DEATHS					
	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1953	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1954	2	-	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
1955	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
1956	2	2	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1957	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1958	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOW LAW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1958

(1) VISITS:

The following is a summary of the visits undertaken by me during the year in pursuit of my official duties.

(1)	Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	179 visits
(2)	W.C. conversions and defective sanitary conveniences	64 "
(3)	Drainage	25 "
(4)	Water Supply	6 "
(5)	Food premises	21 "
(6)	Slaughter Houses (including visits made when inspecting meat)	364 "
(7)	Factories and Workplaces ...	15 "
(8)	Keeping of Animals	-
(9)	Smoke Nuisances	2 "

(2) NUISANCES:

(a) The following table shows the principal nuisances dealt with during the year by means of notices.

	No. of Informal Notices served	No. of Statutory Notices served	Defects remedied after Notice
Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	7	-	7
Sanitary Conveniences	4	-	4

(3) PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS:

During the year 65 inspections of dwellinghouses, shops, and other buildings were made and 91 inspections of Council Sewers and Tips. Disinfestation treatments were carried out where necessary.

(4) SLAUGHTERHOUSES:

A total of 364 visits were made to the three slaughterhouses in your area, primarily for the purpose of meat inspection. The quality of the animals slaughtered in the area continues to be high, and the satisfactory state of cleanliness generally prevailing has been maintained.

(5) W.C. CONVERSIONS:

During the year 4 conversions from ash closets to the water carriage system took place. There are now 380 water closets and 525 ash closets in the district.

(6) FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

During the year 15 premises subject to the Factories Acts were inspected. Considerable nuisance continues to be caused by dust from the local tarmacadam works and the attention of the management was drawn to the need to minimise the nuisance.

(7) FOOD ETC. CONDEMNED :

During the year 33 sts. 6lbs. of meat and 10 lbs. of loose provisions were condemned as unfit for human consuption and were disposed of either by being burnt by the owners concerned or by being buried at the Council's tip.

(8) FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955-56

Inspections under the above mentioned Regulations have been made and informal action has sufficed to deal with whatever contraventions have been discovered.

(9) FOOD PREMISES:

The following premises in the area are concerned with the manufacture and/or retailing of food:

2 Bakehouses

4 Butchers

24 Grocers, Greengrocers and Confectioners

19 premises are registered for the sale of pre-packed ice cream

6 dairies are licenced to retail milk in the area.

(10) HOUSING:

Housing inspections dealing with repairs, improvements and Rent Act queries figured prominently in the number of visits made by your officers.

J. B. KELLY,

Public Health Inspector.